

# **PINE TREE CEMETERY**

## **History**

Pine Tree Cemetery is owned and maintained by the City of Corunna. The main section of the cemetery is located between Pine and Cherry Streets with an addition located to the north of Pine St. It is divided into six sections: Original Plat, Stowell's East, West Addition, New East, and New North East and West. The cemetery contains over 9,000 gravesites.

The cemetery was established sometime in the mid-1800's. Originally called Pine Grove Cemetery, the name changed in the early 1900's to Pine Tree Cemetery. Veterans dating back to the Civil War are buried there.

Original Plat is the oldest section of Pine Tree. An addition to the west of the Original Plat, but still considered part of the Original Plat, was platted in 1878. Earliest known burials date back to the early 1840's and many of the original founders of the City of Corunna are buried here. There is also a section of this plat set aside for Civil War veterans. Interred in the Original Plat is Andrew Parsons, governor of the State of Michigan from March 8, 1853 to January 3, 1855, and Dr. Bacon, a well-known Corunna physician during the 1800's.

Stowell's East-The earliest known burial here dates back to 1859. The only mausoleum in Pine Tree Cemetery is located in Stowell's East. Built by Walter Jones, in the mid to late 1800's, it was used to lay to rest a child, Flora May Jones. The child was later moved to another grave and the mausoleum given to the City of Corunna. The grave of former Corunna Mayor, Hugh McCurdy, and his wife., Emma, are also interred in Stowell's East. The McCurdy's gave the land, now known as McCurdy Park, to the city in 1899. Dr. Erwin Eveleth and Dr. Hannah Belle Ball are also interred here.

West Addition- The earliest known burial here is from 1865. Judge Matthew Bush is interred here as well as Dr. William Weinkauff and Dr. Charles Crane.

New East Addition- The earliest known burial here is from 1866. Interred here is former Shiawassee County medical examiner, Dr. John G. Lyons.

New North East and West was platted in 1938. This section is located to the north of the main cemetery, across Pine Street.

The Department of Public Works is in charge of the cemetery and is in the process of updating burial records. Records of burials and deeds are available for viewing at the D.P.W. office, 703 Pine St., Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-12 noon or by appointment. Burial records are also available at the Shiawassee County District Library, Corunna Branch.

The Department of Public Works is looking for answers to the following questions regarding Pine Tree Cemetery:

1. Any information regarding the location of unmarked graves in the cemetery, especially burials in what are called the "Baby Lots".
2. Information on the "Coal Bed Lots" marked on an old map of the cemetery. These are located in the Original Plat, Lots 184, 185, 186, and 233.
3. Any information regarding deeds from "Liber One", "Book One" or "Book Two" from Pine Grove or Pine Tree Cemetery. These deeds were lost many years ago and we are trying to reconstruct the information.

If you can help with any of the above information please call Shauna Bayless at the Corunna Department of Public Works, 989-743-5040, or e-mail her at [sbayless@corunna-mi.gov](mailto:sbayless@corunna-mi.gov).